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New ASU heads look for new start

By BLANCA ADAJIAN
Editor in Chief

The Associated Student Union (ASU) began this semester with 20 year old Veronica Arreguin taking over as president. "It's going to be a good semester," said Arreguin. "We have to think positive and put the past where it belongs."

The resignation of Kevin M. Stewart at the end of last semester made the position available to Arreguin.

Although elected to a one year term, the one semester tenure of Stewart was filled with turmoil and discontent. The decision to resign came at the end of the fall session but he had been considering resigning as far back as mid December of '86.

Because Stewart had decided to concentrate on his studies, the (then) Vice President Arreguin had to take on the role of acting president in his absences.

Stewart tendered his resignation on January 16, 1987.

Arreguin has been at Valley since Fall '84 as a liberal arts major, with plans to transfer to California State University Northridge (CSUN).

Born in North Hollywood, Arreguin attended Arminita Elementary, Sun Valley Jr. High and Francis Polytechnic High School.

She currently resides in Sun Valley with her parents, older sister Connie and younger sister Monica.

Besides holding office with ASU, Arreguin is also involved with two other groups off campus whose primary purpose is working with young people.

One of the clubs she has been involved with on campus is MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán) the Chicano Student Movement.

Due to the vacancy created by Arreguin's move into the presidential position, Bruce Najbergier was selected the new Vice President.

"Last semester there was lack of supervision at ASU and things really got out of control," said Najbergier. "We all need to learn our jobs and work with Veronica."

Najbergier said that the primary reason why he had become involved with student government was that he

determined that he could make a difference. "I would rather do something about a problem than just complain about it," he said.

"The students should be our main concern and the focus of the work that ASU does," he said. "Anything that takes away from that is counterproductive."

The 24 year old Najbergier is a resident of Northridge. He attended Loral Elementary School, Bancroft Jr. high and Fairfax High School.

Continuing as ASU Treasurer is Anita Fearman. Fearman has been out recently due to ill health but she continues to carry out her duties.

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Visitors to Valley's campus enjoy the sun as they relax on the round bench in Monarch Square.

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JOEL ROSENBAUM / Valley Star

New ASU President Veronica Arreguin.

The Resignation Letter

I, Kevin M. Stewart, do hereby officially turn in my resignation from the office of President of the Associated Student Union on January 16, 1987. This resignation takes affect on this day at 4:30 p.m. I truly regret that this must happen but, in the best interests of my physical, mental, and scholastic well being I see no alternative.

Kevin M. Stewart

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Comm. Of Handicap Awareness

Crown arrives today

By BLANCA L. ADAJIAN
Editor in Chief

After a three year absence, the Spring '87 issue of *Crown* magazine will be available at news stands and various other locations throughout the college campus beginning this week.

A totally student produced magazine, *Crown* was paid for by monies from the Associated Student Union (ASU), the LACCD and the journalism department.

Publication of *Crown* had been terminated in 1984 because of budget cuts.

"It was difficult to put the magazine together from scratch again, but the end product was worth it," said *Crown* Editor in Chief Julie Bailey. "I'm very proud of the way it turned out. I feel that it will continue the award-winning tradition of its predecessors."

The Valley journalism department is a working lab that not only produces the campus newspaper, the *Valley Star* but this semester it also has, due to the efforts of Editor Julie Bailey, Associate Editor Donna Ramos and their

staff, managed to produce this *Crown* issue as well.

From its inception to the delivery of the press ready copy to the printers the time spent was the entire Fall '86 semester. Part of the actual production work took place during the winter holiday break.

Students began the semester with little or no experience and learned everything from ideas for articles, writing, editing, layout, pasteup, working with photographers, (from the photo-journalism department) and financing.

In the past, *Crown* has won first place awards for writing and photography as well as fifth place in the general excellence category.

Stories in this issue will range from a mother's battle to continue her education to an in-depth look at the motives of men and women who collect prized cars such as G.T.O.s.

Some of the other articles included are: ASU's drive to aid school children in Nicaragua, a close up look at Valley art professor, Judith Von Euer, outdoor aqua aerobics and AIDS . . . the war that won't die.

The magazine will be available to the campus population free of charge.



Ronn Crowder holds up winning Star issue.

GENE HERD / Valley Star

Valley Star takes top awards over weekend

By KAREN BROOME
Assoc. View Editor

Last weekend, the *Valley Star* was judged the best community college newspaper in the nation by the Associated Collegiate Press and the best in the state by the California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA).

"Because of dedicated, hard work and professionalism on the part of the staff, the *Valley Star* once again proves it is one of the outstanding two-year college newspapers in the country," said William Payden, chairman of the journalism department.

The CNPA's honor was unusual in that it marked a departure from the usual practice of having the college newspapers judged by California educators. This year, the newspapers were sent to a panel of newspaper owners in Illinois in order to have the papers evaluated by persons who were not already familiar with the publications.

"I am proud of the hard-working staff," said Ronn Crowder, who

was editor in chief of the winning issues. "This honor should also go to Faculty Adviser Rob O'Neil and Photo Adviser Bob Crosby for their dedication."

The CNPA convention took place Feb. 12-15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey.

"The CNPA general excellence award citing the *Valley Star* as the best two-year college newspaper in the state reemphasizes the commitment to excellence that is part of our journalism program," said Payden.

The delegation that represented Valley College in Monterey for the statewide contest included Payden, Crowder, Fall '85 editor in chief of *Star*, Gene Herd, Spring '87 editor in chief of *Crown* Magazine; and Roger Graham, Professor of Journalism.

Among professional newspapers competing at the CNPA conference were the *Orange County Register*, which received 13 awards, the *Los Angeles Times* and *Daily News*, which each received four awards and the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* which also won an

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STAR EDITORIAL

Books prove costly

Try to find something that all Los Angeles Valley College students agree on. Your task will undoubtedly be a tough one.

However, it seems the majority of students will agree on this item: books cost too much!

For example, a student taking nine units can expect to spend \$100 this semester on his textbooks. Depending on his major however, it could be a lot more (math and science books traditionally are more expensive). One pre-med student claimed his bill was over \$200, and he was taking 14 units.

Another widespread complaint is that once the students are finished with the books and ready to sell them back to the bookstore, the buy back value is substantially lower than the original purchase price.

So, who's to blame?

Of course, at first glance the culprit would appear to be the bookstore itself, and in our particular situation the Los Angeles Community College District, since they own the store.

Upon closer observation however, it seems we are all to blame: the publishers, the District, the faculty and the students.

According to bookstore management, the mark-up on all new textbooks is approximately 33 percent. Used books retail for 75 percent of the retail price of a similar new book. In other words, if the bookstore pays the publisher \$10 for a text, they'll sell it to you for \$13.35.

At the end of the semester, provided the same edition will be used the following semester and the bookstore is not overstocked, they may buy the book back from you for 50 percent of your purchase price. So they'll pay you about \$6.68 for your used text and then resell it for \$10.

So, why all the fuss?

Well, we wonder if the District really needs to have a 33 percent mark-up, profiting once again at our expense. Couldn't they lower their margin of profit and give all of us a break?

Also, be advised that the buy back policy of 50 percent is only effective if the book is to be resold in our bookstore.

Often when students resell their texts they are being sold to a wholesale buyer who has nothing to do with our college. If that's the case, students really suffer, because they will only be paid 10-25 percent of the original purchase price.

This situation might be improved if the bookstore was perhaps more sensitive to the situation and tried to avoid being overstocked, thus enabling more students to get the 50 percent buy back rate.

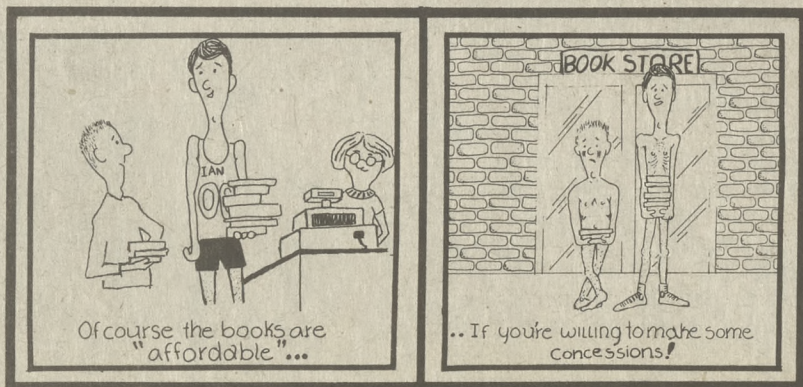
Next, we come to the faculty. Publishing companies (and authors) like everyone else, want to make a quick buck. One of the best ways is to print a new edition. In some cases the revisions are minor, yet once a new edition is out, often the previous ones become obsolete.

If faculty members insist on using only the latest editions as their required texts, it prevents many students from having the opportunity of reselling their earlier editions. Provided the content is the same, couldn't the faculty be a bit more flexible and designate either editions for use in their classes?

Finally, if we the students don't like what's going on, we should do something about it.

Years ago, students took the initiative to sell their used books directly to other students, thus avoiding the middleman, namely the bookstore. They'd line up along the access road between the Business/Journalism Bldg. and the Life Sciences Bldg., display their wares and sell off their last semester's books at a reasonable rate. Then for some unexplained reason this practice ceased.

According to campus security, it is permissible to resell your books on campus, provided you don't position yourself too close to the bookstore itself. It may take some organizing and time, but in the long run it could save all of us some of that valuable green stuff.



American elderly get no respect

By WARREN TRAN TAN
Staff Writer

Because of the difference in lifestyles, viewpoints and moral standards, western old people seem more lonely and get less care from their families than the old people in far eastern countries.

Many years ago I worked in a neighborhood store and made friends with an elderly couple. Both of them were over 70 years old. Although they had many children, none of them lived close by and only came to see their parents once or twice a year.

This elderly couple would spend most of their days sitting at their front door waving to people passing by.

Because they both suffered from

arthritis they were unable to take trips to visit other people. It made me sad to see how lonely their lives were.

Oriental families are very different. Old people are never left by themselves, they are always with a member of their family. Old people spend their lives with their children and their grandchildren.

In Oriental countries loving and respecting the old people is the first lesson taught to the young people in elementary school. It is a lesson that is stressed over and over again throughout their educational years.

People in Oriental countries who mistreat old people are looked down upon. These people may be very successful in society, but if they are unkind to the elderly they are not considered to be good people.

Here in America old people are abandoned and treated with little or no respect. The sad fact of the matter is that these old people have raised their children with sweat and blood, only to be mistreated by their children when the time comes for them to be taken care of in return.

Children who are treating their parents, or any other elderly person, in an unkind way do not realize that they are setting up the pattern for the next generation to treat them in the same manner when they themselves are old.

When that time comes maybe then they will understand the feelings their parents had when they were mistreated or left alone to fend for themselves. But then it will be too late, for their parents are gone now and all they will have left are feelings of sorrow and regret.

known. KMET began to slip in the ratings and eventually general manager Howard Bloom sold the station. KMET was never the same. For me, losing KMET hurts a little bit because KMET was my friend and I feel like I have lost a friend. There may be other stations on the dial, but none will ever compare to the "Mighty Met" of Southern California, 94.7 KMET Los Angeles.

Goodbye and Whoo-Ya!
Steven T. Appell,
Night Student

Letter to the Star

Farewell, Mighty Met

The news hit me like a ton of bricks! What I thought was one of the most stable institutions in my life was swept away like dust under a doormat, never, ever to be seen again.

I found out today that radio station KMET is going off the air forever. The station that I have listened to since junior high school will soon no longer exist. (Eight days after the date of this letter to be exact.)

KMET's terminal illness—lack of ratings and lack of money—along with the recent sale of KMET to a corporate conglomerate, has reduced the once untouchable powerhouse into a

fragile piece of glass on the edge of breaking into a million pieces, never to be put back together again.

Originally started in the late sixties as an underground FM station, KMET developed and established free form album oriented rock into mainstream Los Angeles radio. By the mid-seventies KMET was constantly the number one album oriented station month after month and even year after year! At the turn of the eighties, KMET was still top-rated but not as consistently. Competitors such as KLOS and the innovative KROQ were definitely making their presence

'Love is feeding everyone'

By ROBERTA KOSTENBADER
Staff Writer

The other day I read an article in the Los Angeles Times entitled *The Hunger That Lives in America*. When I finished reading the article I felt sad and angry about the realization that this condition exists in America, in L.A. and in the valley.

Realizing that feelings of sadness and anger would not solve the problem of the hungry, I thought about practical options that might become workable solutions.

The answer was obvious: hungry people need food. My idea is to place food bins at strategic locations on the campus of Los Angeles Valley College.

The bins would facilitate any type of non-perishable food items that Valley's constituents would wish to donate. (Non-perishables include canned and plastic bottled goods;

boxed and bagged dry goods which run the gamut from canned asparagus to zucchini chips).

Food bins would give everyone the opportunity for hands-on involvement to help provide a solution for the problem of hunger. It would not require a commitment to hours of volunteer work, or pledging large sums of money. It only requires an awareness that the problem exists and a commitment to bring a food item weekly or as often as possible to be placed in one of the bins on the way to class.

With an enrollment of approximately 20,000 students, Valley College has the potential to have a positive impact on the problem of hunger.

LIFE (Love is Feeding Everyone) is a non-profit organization founded by Dennis Weaver and Valerie Harper. This group is made up of people who are committed to

alleviating hunger.

The LIFE organization would be responsible for providing the campus with the food bins, then they would pick up and distribute the food that is collected.

Valley's administrators could provide suitable locations for the bins to be placed. Then the students would only need to concern themselves with providing the food for the bins.

LIFE's commitment and efforts are commendable. With a similar commitment from Valley's students, faculty, administrators and employees, our campus motto, "We care" will live in deed as well as in spirit.

Mankind has the potential to make a difference. Let us commit to being part of the solution and help to eradicate the shameful condition of hunger in our community.

Los Angeles:
a difficult connection

By MIKE PANOMCHAI
Staff Writer

I had never seen a city stranger than Los Angeles in my life. It was not at all like what I had seen in the American movies back home in Thailand.

When I reached LAX, I felt fresh and eager to experience America.

Once inside the terminal, I strolled over to the counter to meet the immigration officer. He was the first person I'd ever met from Los Angeles.

"Hello," I said to the officer. He looked at me and asked with a rough voice, "Where are you going? How long are you going to stay here?"

His reaction left me almost speechless. I tried to think positively, maybe he was just having a bad day. Anyway, I hoped to find friendlier people outside the airport.

After being interrogated, I stepped outside the building and looked

for my friend who was supposed to pick me up. Unfortunately, my friend didn't show up so I had to find a way to call my other friend.

I was unprepared and didn't have any coins to make a phone call. I



of my classmates spoke to one another.

I felt invisible. No one seemed to notice me. It felt so uncomfortable to sit in the same room with all those strangers, but I had no choice.

After changing to Valley College, I realized that the students here were no different.

Realizing that there was nothing I could do about the students' indifferent attitudes, I decided to just concentrate on my school work.

There is one conclusion I reached after coming to Los Angeles; I came to the wrong place.

(Editor's note: Since this was written, Mike enrolled in journalism classes and became a staff writer. He contributed to the Star and became acquainted with people in the department.)

He became a writer for the local Los Angeles Thai newspaper. At the end of last semester he returned to Thailand and said he would return in the future.

He made many friends and the one thing he will be remembered for is his warm, friendly smile.

Good luck, Mike and here's hoping your return will be soon and better than your first view of L.A.)

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LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers.

Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 350 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or

make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.



ASU...

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Stewart, Arreguin and Fearman were elected to serve as the top student government officers at the end of Spring '86.

Their term of office was to run from July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1987.

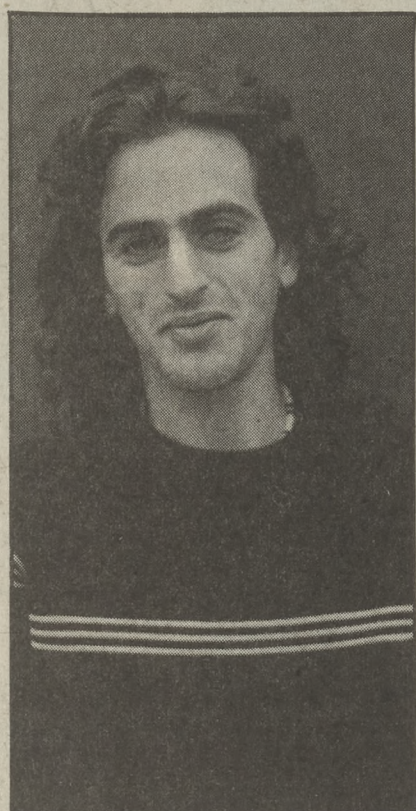
ASU is the student government branch of the student body. Besides the three top offices there are commissioners (also elected) and council members which are sent to Council as representatives from all the active clubs on campus.

The operating funds for ASU come in great part from the Los Angeles Community College District. They are based on an increasing tier structure that uses the number of ASU memberships as its measure.

Every tier or level reached in the \$7 memberships brings about that much more money to the school from the District.

The funds are used by ASU to provide extra services to the students in the form of tutoring, scholarships, book loans, Photo I.D., discounts to student events and other benefits.

Sunday Library hours are also paid for by ASU funds.



JOEL ROSENBAUM / Valley Star
Bruce Najbergier, newly selected Vice President of the Associated Student Union joins two other top officers for Spring '87.

Awards...

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award. Former Valley College journalism student Dennis McCarthy was named Best Local Columnist.

LAVC also took top honors in the 1987 National College Publications Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Long Beach.

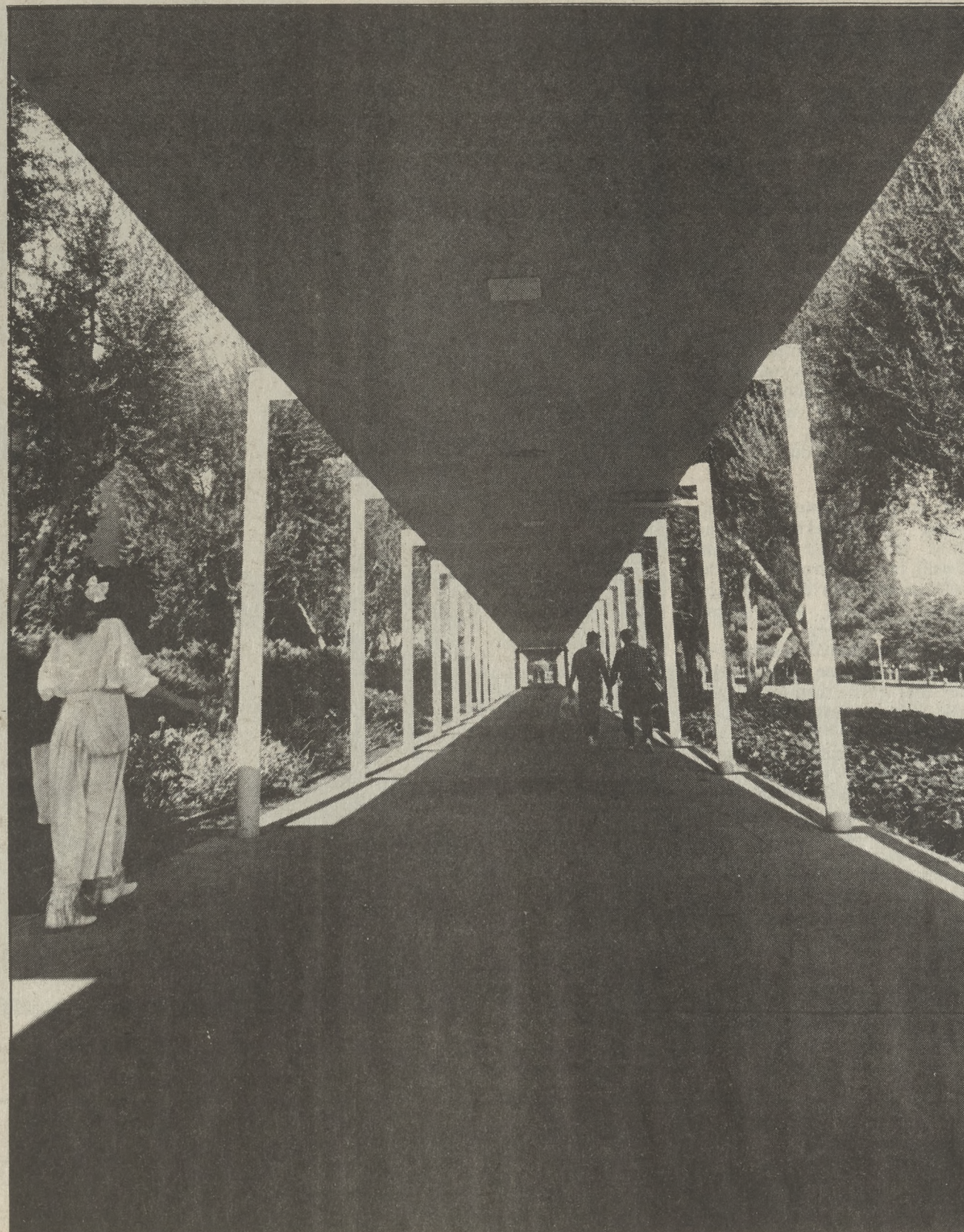
The event was sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) and the College Media Advisers (CMA).

The nationwide competition grouped two and four-year schools in the same category. The *Star* received second place for general excellence and newspaper design, with the California State University, Long Beach *Forty Niner* taking first

place in this category. The *Star* was also awarded third place for Photo Layout Design.

The delegates representing Valley College in Long Beach were Blanca L. Adajian current *Star* editor in chief, Kathy Crouch, Danny Schumacher, Jeanne K. Biehler, Joel Rosenbaum, and Bob Crosby, photo advisor.

Students traveled from as far away as Florida, Massachusetts, and Washington State to attend this conference. It featured many workshops designed to improve the overall quality of campus publications. Among the workshops topics were graphic design, layout, ethics and legal concerns facing student newspapers.



JOE BINOYA / Valley Star
A peaceful stroll down the campus arcade during a quiet lull in the usually busy traffic path. The canopy provides shade on a warm day.

Machetanz retires

By KATHY CROUCH
Gallery Editor

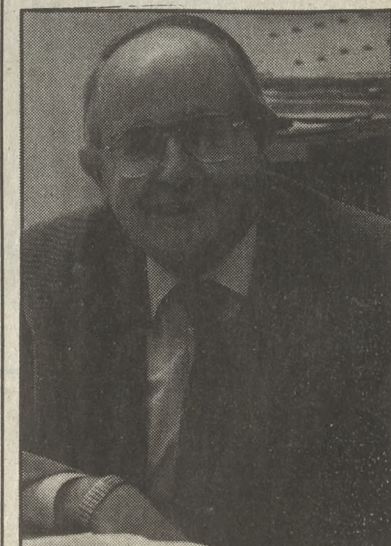
A retirement reception was held yesterday for Dr. Fred Machetanz, former assistant dean of admissions at Valley College.

Machetanz, who served the Los Angeles Community College District for 31 years, bade farewell to Valley at the close of the Fall '86 semester. Machetanz began his tenure with the district as a calculus teacher at East Los Angeles College.

In 1956 he came to Valley and remained until the announcement of his retirement last semester.

Machetanz, known to many as "Dr. Fred," ended his career as Valley's "Ombudsman," a sort of arbitrator handling students complaints. He also worked with Ruth Siegel in the financial aid office, assisting her and students with financial aid dealings.

Friends and former co-workers joined Machetanz at yesterday's affair for a buffet lunch and reminiscing. At Machetanz's request, no formal presentations were awarded.



EBER GUIMARAES / Valley Star

News Notes

SPRING SCHEDULE SET FOR ITV COURSES

Enrollment for the spring schedule of Instructional Television (ITV) courses, offered by the L.A. Community Colleges, is open through Monday, February 23. The five courses that will be presented include anthropology, business, marketing, psychology and computer science.

Fees for ITV are \$5 per unit up to five units and \$50 for six units or more. Each course is three units. However, students already enrolled in an L.A. Community College and taking six units or more pay no additional fee.

For more information about ITV call (818) 901-8935 or (213) 488-0447.

WINTER PLANETARIUM

LAVC's Planetarium telescope will be used by lecturer Anthony Cook, telescope demonstrator for Griffith Observatory, during his lecture on "Unveiling the Orion Nebula" Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 pm in LAVC's Planetarium. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children between 8-16.

For more details call the Community Services office at (818) 988-3911.

INT'L EDUCATION PROGRAMS

On Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10 am, Professor Carmelita Thomas of the Foreign Language Dept. at L.A.C.C. will be at LAVC to explain our Semester in Paris Programs and the Summer Study Abroad class: "Humanities and Italian in Italy." She will be in Foreign Language Building, Room 110.

FINANCIAL AID INFO.

Student Aid Applications for California (SAAC's) and Cal Grant Supplements for the 87-88 academic year are currently available in the Financial Aid Office. Students wishing to apply for any of the three Cal Grant Programs must complete and mail both a SAAC and a Cal Grant Supplement well in advance of the March 2nd deadline, as Cal Grant Supplements require the signature of a school official.

For more details, students should contact the Financial Aid Office at (818) 781-1200 Ext. 412 or 413.

Financial Aid Workshops explaining the 87-88 SAAC and the Cal Grant Supplement will be held today from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Cafeteria Conference Room. Students interested in applying for financial aid or who have questions regarding financial aid applications and Cal Grants A, B, C are urged to attend.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Library has a book sale every Friday, 8 am to 2 pm.

Hardbacks range from 25 cents to \$2 and paperbacks are 20 cents each or 6 for a dollar. In addition there is a 25 cent bargain cart of books for sale every day. Miscellaneous magazines are for sale for 5 cents each. Proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of new books for the library.

TRAFFIC VIOLATORS' SCHOOL

A Traffic Violators' School will be offered on Saturdays, March 7, March 28, and April 25 at LAVC from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Enrollment, which costs \$18, takes place in the Community Services office from 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday and from 8 am to 4 pm on Fridays.

For details, call (818) 988-3911.

BECOME A ZOO DOCENT

Los Angeles Zoo Docents provide tours to students, teach youth and adult workshops in the zoo, and present classroom programs in Los Angeles area schools.

Applications are now available for the Fall 1987 Provisional Class scheduled for Tuesdays 9:30 - 2:30 beginning October 6, or the Saturday class beginning October 10. Deadline for application is May 1.

If interested, call Yvonne Maizland or Dee Harris at the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, (213) 664-1100.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

The deadline for filing Petitions for Graduation for June 12, 1987 is 4:00 pm, Friday, Feb. 27. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office, Room 127, Administration Building.



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PHOTO CONTEST DATES EXTENDED

A new deadline for the Valley College Photo Contest has been announced. Black and white, 8" x 10", photos of various campus activities must be turned in to Administration 108 by 4:30 p.m., Mar. 13, 1987. Awards will be presented at noon on Friday, Mar. 20, 1987 in the Fireside room of the Campus Center.

All photo entries must be attached to an entry form. Entry forms and contest rules are available in Administration 108, Campus Center 102, the Valley Star office (Business/Journalism 114) and the cafeteria. For further information, call ext. 336.

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Racism erupts in bayou cafe

By KAREN BROOME
Assoc. View Editor

A small hole-in-the-wall cafe in Louisiana is the setting for this entertaining play that explores human relationships, racism and social responsibility.

The first scene opens with proprietors Wilma and Jackson Bedair (Donna Owen & Bill Clifford) tending their restaurant. An elderly, blind, supposedly deaf black man known as "Old Willy" (Oliver Shearer) enters, causing immediate conflict between husband, wife and other customers.

The black man is served coffee in a chipped mug because, "You wouldn't want other people to think he drank from the same cup."

As the scene develops, the audience is given a comic look at the friendship between two white girls in their early twenties.

Genieve (Sharon Mann) considered loose by most, is innocent in many ways and has a kind heart. Ultimately she is the victim of the racial violence that explodes within the small town.

The character of Julip LaTour (Debra Sullivan) is the most believable. Through her the audience gains an understanding of the girls' friendship. She is a person of independent thought and action, a feminist in a place where the word has little meaning.

Julip's husband, Eli (James Self) is a man's man. He wants his woman at home, pregnant

and looking after him. His character is tough, almost brutelike at times, and sensitive at others. His performance very much resembles a young Sylvester Stallone, both in physical appearance and mannerisms.

The confrontation between Julip and Eli drives home the differences in their personalities as well as the genuine consideration they share. In a moment of frustration she yells, "Can't you love me without having to control me."

As the plot continues, two fun-loving troublemakers, Jimmy (Scott Brand) and Will (Jimi Elwell), become involved with the racist, unbalanced Sheriff Wilson (Brian Aphorpe), and several fanatics from town.

The racial prejudice ultimately erupts in violence that changes the characters themselves and their attitude towards the black community.

"Southern Exposure" has a good storyline with believable characters. And though Aphorpe and Mann overact at times, this does not distract from the overall quality of the play.

Playwright Debra Sullivan gives the strongest performance. Both dramatic and funny, it helps to create this freeflowing piece of theater.

Southern Exposure is showing at the Powerhouse Theater in Santa Monica Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. through March 22.



Sharon Mann, Donna Owen and Debra Sullivan star in "Southern Exposure," set in the "Down Home" cafe. The play is currently showing at the Powerhouse Theater in Santa Monica.

Bedroom bedlam lands laughs

By ALLAN CAPLAN
Staff Writer

If you missed the Valley Collegiate Players' recent production of "Having a Wonderful Time, Wish You Were Her," you missed a "wonderful time."

The two-act play, by Jane Milmore and W. Van Zandt, which ran Feb. 5-7 and 12-14, was the drama club's single, annual production, completely produced, directed and performed by students.

The comedy opens in a hotel room, where we meet Danny and Kathy (Barton Smith, Bonnie Kennedy), a married man and his sexy mistress. Their night of sultry passion is halted when Kathy reveals she is dating another man. What Danny doesn't know is that she's dating his best friend.

In the next scene, set in a motel, we find Paul and Jennifer (Tony Negrete, Amanda T. Guzman), a ladies' man, and one of his married ladies. He prefers the married kind. Jennifer's reluctance to cheat on her husband results in a mad slapstick scene of frustration.

Finally, we meet Bill and Mary (Chris Roberts, Kimberly Konieczny), a much-too-comfortable older couple, about to celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary. (Unfortunately, wearing so little makeup, Bill and Mary wind up looking more like siblings of Kathy and Jennifer than like their parents.)

Mary yearns for a night of passion; Bill yearns to be left alone.

By act one's curtain, we find out Paul's best friend is Danny, who is married to Jennifer, who is having an affair with Paul, who is dating Kathy, who is Danny's mistress and Jennifer's sister. Confusing?

Wait until act two, when they all spend the weekend at Bill and Mary's country home and all hell breaks loose. Punchline follows punchline, and just when you think a gag has peaked, Van Zandt and Milmore come up with a topper.

In the end, all is resolved. Does Jennifer trade Danny for Paul? Does Kathy prefer Danny to single bliss? Does Mary realize her night of passion? Now you'll have to read the play to find out.

The Valley Collegiate Players managed to once again produce a fine play and there was no stopping the chortles, chuckles and guffaws.

It's not just a 'Fluke'

By CHRISTINE ZIAYA
Entertainment Editor

There's more to entertainment than the arts. Sometimes, nature can provide an "escape" that's much more fulfilling than a mere diversion. And if you're ready for one such adventure, why not try an afternoon of cetacean watching.

Cetacean watching?

That's right. Or you could call it simply whale watching.

Because from now until about the end of March, these 40 ton (give or take a few tons), highly intelligent mammals are making their annual migration. And if you've never had the pleasure, give yourself a treat.

One of the most popular excursions is sponsored by Redondo Sport Fishing and departs daily from the Redondo Beach Marina. The nearly three-and-a-half hour tours are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Adult fares are \$8 on weekends and \$6 on weekdays. Parking, with validation, is free.

There are approximately 10 species of whales, but the ones you will "meet" are California Gray Whales. Traveling between 60-80 miles per day, they swim an average of about 12,000 miles on their yearly round-trip between the Arctic Circle and Baja, California. The southward migration begins sometime in October. The northward migration is what's going on now. This guarantees that the

baby whales, which weigh close to 2500 pounds at birth, will be born in the warm Baja lagoons. But by the time they start their northern trek (after several weeks), they will have just about doubled in weight.

What's amazing about whale watching is that it almost seems like the whales know they're being watched and what's more, they seem to enjoy it. They'll surface unexpectedly and proudly spout plumes of water from their blowholes, reaching as high as 10 feet toward the sky. Then they'll plunge into a deep dive and give their tail ("fluke") a cute, little flip into the air before they disappear. They're a fascinating breed to watch.

And though about 100 years ago

they could also be found in the Atlantic Ocean, today they are found solely in the Pacific.

Besides whales, you may also get to see a variety of other types of marine life on your trip. There are pelicans and seagulls galore, and if you toss the latter some stale bread, they'll probably perform some skillful acrobatics. We were fortunate to also enjoy the company of a school of porpoises. What a sight. And though we didn't encounter any, I've heard sharks will occasionally join in the fun.

To add to your pleasure you may want to bring along binoculars and/or a camera. Don't

forget to pack a warm sweater or jacket while you're at it, because it does get chilly out on the ocean. Wear rubber-soled shoes, too.

When the trip's over and you've disembarked, do take the time to walk over to the Redondo Beach Pier and explore the quaint shops and eateries. Whether with friends or family you are sure to have a memorable day. Why you may even bump into one of your former (or current) Valley College professors, like I did.

Which just goes to prove one thing, cetacean watching is not just for mariners, but for landlubbers too.

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A Santa Ana player (top) slides into third. (Right) Mark Salin hits the dirt while a Santa Ana defender looks on.

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Valley sports notes

Monarchs to host Southern Cal Regionals

The women's basketball team has clinched at least a tie for first place in the Southern California Conference with two games remaining, deadlocked with L.A. Trade Tech. and will receive a high seeding for the Southern California Regionals of the State Tournament which will be held Feb. 23-25 at Valley. The precise seedings will not be determined until this Sunday.

Because of its excellent record, Valley will receive two home games during the Regional Tournament on Feb. 23 and Feb. 25. Both games will start at 7:00 p.m. but opponents have not yet been determined.

The State Tournament consists of two regions (Southern and Northern) of 16 teams each. The top four teams from each region will advance to the state playoffs

to be held at Cypress College on March 5, 6, and 7.

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The men's basketball team visited Cero Coso last Friday night and was defeated, 89-74, in a Southern California Conference game.

They received double figure scoring from Gary Goodrich (20), Clyde Fontenette (14), and John Windham (17) but could not overcome a tough Cero Coso squad in front of a capacity crowd.

—by CASEY MERKLE
Staff Writer

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The baseball team fell to 1-1 with a 17-9 loss to visiting Santa Ana last Saturday in a non-conference game.

Right fielder Jeff McMaster was 4-4 with four RBI but could not

help the Monarchs overcome a strong offensive effort by Santa Ana.

The Dons started business with a run during the top of the first inning. Valley, however, took a 2-1 lead during the bottom of the first inning.

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Last Friday's baseball game was cancelled because of rain. The women's basketball game was also cancelled because the team from Mt. San Jacinto College did not have enough players to play. Valley was awarded the forfeit.

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Attention golfers! Pierce College golf coach Jack Boyd says that Valley Students may play for his team. For more information call 719-6459 ex. 459.



JOE BINOYA / Valley Star



Sportsline by DANNY SCHUMACHER

Joyner-Kersee is the world's best

Wanted: A nice person that agrees with me that Jackie Joyner-Kersee is the greatest female athlete in the world.

No, not Cheryl Miller or Martina Navratilova, but Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

Miller has revolutionized women's basketball, while Navratilova is perhaps the greatest tennis player ever. But when a writer for a tennis magazine suggested that Navratilova is the Babe Didrickson of the 1980s, I had to strongly disagree.

Didrickson dominated women's track and field during the 1930s. She won four Olympic gold medals. When she gave up track, Didrickson became a top professional golfer.

Joyner-Kersee is the world record holder in the heptathlon, a

grueling two-day event that consists of the 200 meters, 800 meters, javelin, shot put, 100 meter hurdles, long jump, and the high jump.

I know that Navratilova and Miller are great at their sports but they are not nearly as versatile as the 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the heptathlon.

Not only does Joyner excel on the track, but when she attended UCLA she was a starter for the Bruins basketball team.

Most track coaches, however, advise against their top athletes combining track with basketball because of injuries. Track requires short and explosive muscles while basketball utilizes primarily long endurance muscles. This conflict in interest usually causes stress fractures.

Quincy Watts, the high school state champion at 200 meters, recently gave up basketball after suffering a stress fracture of the ankle.

Miller and Navratilova are both in tremendous shape. But Joyner-Kersee is a horse. The power and explosiveness can be seen coursing through her body. Yet she does not look like some kind of behemoth.

There is no doubt in my mind who the greatest woman athlete in the world is. In fact, Joyner-Kersee may be the greatest athlete in the world. Period.

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Now let's look at the Valley College softball team.

I took some time off two weeks ago to watch them take on Pierce College in a scrimmage.

After hearing the horror stories from last year, I was impressed.

Catcher Denise Seifried and center fielder Debbie Cohen are probably two of the best athletes on campus, both can hit well and play defense.

Cohen has an arm. I swear, that woman is carrying a rifle inside her sleeve. Opposing base runners should roam the base paths carefully. If they don't, Cohen will gun them down.

Defensively, first baseman, Kathy Crouch and third baseman Lisa McNeil are solid bookends for the infield.

What remains to be seen is how coach Karen Honey will move her players around to make up for a lack of depth. If she can pull it off, the Monarchs will be successful.

Calendar

(a) = away (h) = home	Thur. Feb. 19	Fri. Feb. 20	Sat. Feb. 21	Sun. Feb. 22	Mon. Feb. 23	Tues. Feb. 24	Wed. Feb. 25
Women's Basketball	Chaffey 5:00 (a)					Regional Playoffs (h)	Regional Playoffs (h)
Men's Basketball		L.A. Trade Tech 3:30 (a)					
Women's Softball		Hancock 3:00 (a)		Alumnae 12:00 (h)		Ventura 3:30 (a)	Pierce 3:30 (h)
Men's Baseball	Moorpark 2:00 (h)					Oxnard 2:00 (h)	

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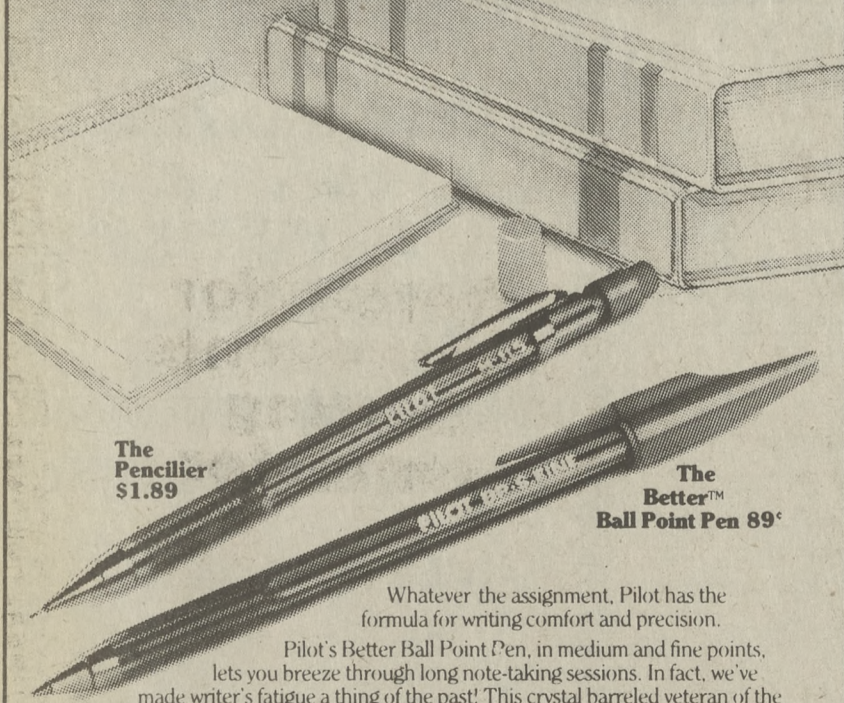
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Coach comes, goes by dark; shows players light

By KATHY CROUCH
Gallery Editor

It is a typical weekday morning in Van Nuys. Street lamps still glow in the pre-dawn darkness as an alarm clock emits a piercing wake-up call for Karen Honey, 31, head coach of the Valley women's softball team.

Within one hour she will be sitting in her office at the opposite end of the San Fernando Valley, located at MacLay Junior High School in Pacoima. She has the unenviable job of teaching physical education to pubescent adolescents, a most difficult task.

She gets her first taste of food three hours later during the students' nutrition break at 10:30 a.m. She spends her lunch hour on the phone, attending to a plethora of details concerning the summer women's softball team she serves as assistant coach.

As her co-workers at the junior high make their way home at 3 p.m., Honey is on her way to Valley College. She makes it there by 3:30 to join the softball team practice, already underway.

Activity may continue until 6 p.m., and by the time Honey has spoken her last words to Valley players and surveyed the condition of the brand new playing field she fought hard to get, it is once again dark.

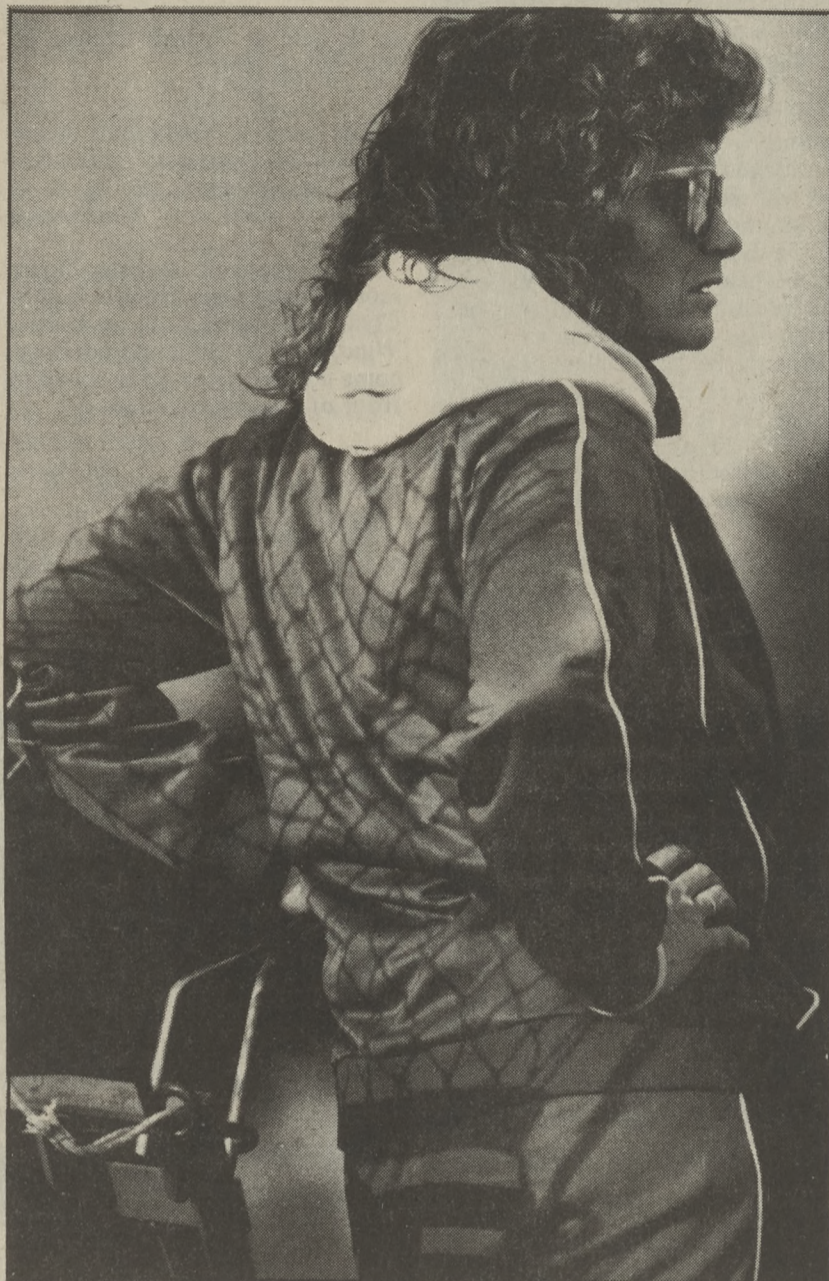
Honey will return to the small Van Nuys apartment, and to the familiar glow of artificial light by which she lives. It is a rare occasion for Karen Honey to see the light of day from her own residence.

Before she goes to bed Honey will spend another two hours on the phone attending to details for the summer team, the "Diamonds."

"Yes. Definitely. Softball is my life," she says. "I live, eat and breathe softball, basically. The majority of my time lies with the Diamonds. That team is really a big part of my life."

The pace seems grueling, but you won't hear her complain. Aside from her full-time teaching position at MacLay, Honey devotes 20 to 30 hours per week to the Diamonds, and another 15 to 20 to Valley's team.

"There is a massive amount of work," she admits, "but it means



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Karen Honey watches over her team during practice.

everything in the world."

Honey's involvement with the team has taken her across the United States participating in national fast-pitch championships. She played on the team for six years before becoming assistant coach two years ago.

After the team won the national championship in 1984, the Amateur Softball Association sent the team to China to participate in the Tri-

Nation Championships. The team also played in an exhibition game for the 1988 Olympic Organizing Committee in Seoul, Korea.

"It was the chance of a lifetime," she says. "It was really a big thrill. Being with the team is my favorite way to spend my summer."

"I plan on staying with this team until I die," Honey says with a laugh. "Actually, I plan to stay with the Diamonds for a long time to come. We've had head coaches

come and go, but there is a group of us who have been here and will keep this team together."

The feeling that this team is Honey's second family is apparent as she recounts numerous stories from years on the team. But if you might call the Diamonds her second family, you would have to call Valley her second home.

"Valley is my home," she says. "Every day I come to Valley it's like coming home to a place that was very important to my life."

After graduating from Verdugo Hills High School in 1972, Honey enrolled full-time at Valley, majoring in physical education. She played basketball and ran track during her first year. During her second year on campus, Honey joined the women's volleyball team (there had been none the previous year.) Diedra Stark, current women's Athletic Director, coached the team to a state championship that year. In hopes of playing for another championship team, Honey enrolled for a third year at Valley and played under Stark's direction a second year on the volleyball team.

The Monarchs went on to claim the championship again, Honey recalls, but emphasizes the influence of Stark as the most satisfying remembrance of that year.

"I decided early in high school that I wanted to teach physical education," Honey says. "But Diedra did the most for me as far as my career decision. She taught me about competition and about winning and losing. She just did 10,000 things for me."

"Over the years she has been one of my greatest friends," Honey continues. "Looking at her made me want to become a coach."

"Karen is highly enthusiastic and motivating," Stark says. "She's gotten a lot from the program (at Valley) and come back to give back to the program."

"She cares about the athletes as students, as well as athletes," Stark continues. "She's really done a lot."

Honey graduated from Valley with an A.A. degree in physical education in 1975. She completed her bachelor's degree in P.E. two years later at California State University, Long Beach and earned her teaching credential in 1978.

Monarchs defeat Ventura at home, 9-4

The Valley women's softball team beat the visiting Ventura College Pirates yesterday, 9-4. The win marked the first vic-

tory for the Monarchs, who are now 1-1 in non-conference play. Yesterday's contest was the home opener for the team.

"Diedra had a lot to do with me going to Long Beach," Honey says. "If I can do half as much for someone as Diedra did for me, I will consider myself a success."

Honey speaks often of success when discussing her coaching career, but rarely do the words "winning and losing" come into use.

"I love to win," she says. "I wouldn't be in coaching if I didn't feel an inner pressure to win. But my greatest joy comes from knowing that when players leave me they are better ballplayers than when they came. To me, that is success."

The Monarchs played a dismal season last year, struggling for just four wins in the 20 game season.

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—Karen Honey

Valley Softball Head Coach



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"I'm extremely unhappy when we lose," she says, "but I'm at peace with myself with the concept of winning and losing. The older you get, the more you get to put these things in perspective. You learn there's a slot for everything in life."

This concept of keeping things in perspective is one of Honey's prime lessons for the players on Valley's team. She demands a positive attitude from her players at all times on the field.

"I have played for some coaches who believe that everything in softball is an attitude," she says. "Everything you do on the field should be with a positive attitude. I think people who see a team like that, even if that team loses, will have respect for that team."

Honey enforces a number of stringent rules for the Monarchs

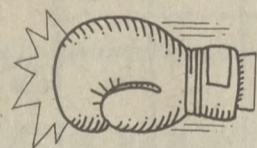
tured or strict enough," she says. "I would like to be more tough than I am. The players don't have to like me for us to win."

"Nothing ever goes completely smooth," she continues. "But you just have to keep the long range goals in mind and you can get through to the end."

Talking to Honey, you get the feeling that she will, indeed, make it "to the end." On this particular day, she will play a few hours of basketball after Valley's team has finished its daily practice. It will probably be past 9 p.m. before Honey sees her apartment again.

"The real highlight of my day," she laughs, "is sleeping. I love to sleep. I just don't have enough time to do it."

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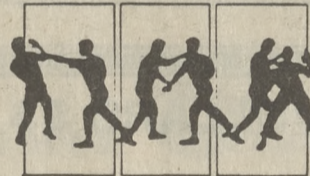
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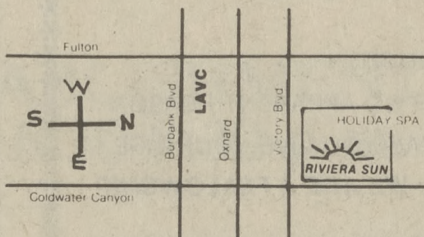
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